

Coins

Numismatics goes international at a 3-day fair

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FOUR DISTINGUISHED numismatic scholars will be in Chicago later this month to address the Chicago International Coin Fair.

The March 19-21 fair at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, 505 N. Michigan Av., will be open to the public. It is the first exclusively foreign coin show to be held in Chicago.

The four authorities who will talk at 4 p. m. March 20 are Dr. and Mrs. Vladimir Clain-Stefanelli, curators of the numismatic division of

the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.; Dr. John S. Davenport of Galesburg, Ill., author of reference books on world crowns [a type of coin]; and Jean-Paul Divo of Zurich, Switzerland, author of reference books on European coins and a member of the numismatic department of the Bank Leu AG in Zurich.

In addition, 75 coin dealers from the United States and six other countries are expected to attend to sell coins. All of the dealers specialize in foreign coins. Jess Peters Inc. of Decatur, Ill., will conduct an auction, and many foreign

coins will be on exhibit.

The fair is sponsored by several Chicago area coin clubs, the Organization of International Numismatists, and the Rare Coin Co. of America, 31 N. Clark St., Chicago.

A MAJOR NUMISMATIC publisher, Amos Press, Inc., of Sidney, Ohio, has abolished two of its monthly publications, *World Coins* and *Numismatic Scrapbook*. The publisher says they will be "merged" into *Coin World*, the company's weekly coin publication.